ओपेनकास्ट खान के परिचालन क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत आता है तथा भंडारों का उत्खनन किया जा रहा है। दूसरी खान के भंडार समाप्त हो जाने के कारण उसे बंद कर दिया गया है। अतः इस खान को पुनः आरंभ किए जाने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Indo-China task force

5065. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint Indo-China task force has been set up in the coal sector;

(b) if so, the main objectives of constituting the task force;

(c) whether this task force has started functioning; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to promote the export/import of coal between both the countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Task Force is to review the progress and take corrective action as and when necessary for proper implementation of the cooperation programme in the coal sector and it will start functioning after the names of the representatives of concerned agencies are received.

(d) No such proposal for export/import of the coal between the two countries is presently under consideration of the Ministry of Coal

Rescue stations near coal mines to meet the emergent situation

5066. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a large number of rescue stations to deal with any emergent situation in the mines owned by coal companies?

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received the reports of coal mine accidents which took place during the past three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are six main rescue stations and 18 rescue rooms functioning in voribus subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited (CIL).

(c) and (d) Every accident involving fatalites is enquired by the Internal Safety Organisation (ISO) of concerned coal company. Normally, the enquiry reports of the ISO are made available in a month's time.

Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), under Mines Act 1952 a statutory authority also enquires into accidents involving fatalities and their enquiry is generally completed in a period of three months.

Production of coal from underground and open cast mines

5067. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 827 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th March, 1995 and state:

(a) grade-wise production of coal from underground mines and open cast mines during last four years; and

(b) how far the steps taken by Government have helped in increasing good quality coal in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The grade-wise/mode-wise production of coal in the country for the last four years was as under: